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1. This communication is responsive to Examiner's Amendment 7/1/05.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-24 and 31-54.
3. The drawings filed on 07 December 1999 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All
 - b) Some*
 - c) None
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6. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
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7. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 6/29/05, 6/3/05
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date 7/1/05
7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.

STEVEN SAX
EXAMINER



Supplemental Examiner's Amendment

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. This was made to clarify in the independent claims that each annotation has its own window such that the annotation windows may be navigated to one another. This was done to overcome any issues brought up regarding the annotation navigation features of Microsoft Word 2000 in view of Wang et al. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

2. Please rewrite the independent claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method for annotating a system having a display for displaying a non-modifiable page of a document having objects comprising the steps of:
receiving an indication that an object in the page of the document is to be annotated; for each annotation, providing a window to a user having a portion for receiving an annotation of the object, said window having a portion allowing navigation to at least one other annotation window containing an annotation of at least one other object; navigating directly to said at least one other annotation window to the annotation of said at least one other object; and closing said window upon receiving user input not associated with said window.

13. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium having a program stored thereon, said program for use with a display for displaying a non-modifiable page of a document having objects, said program comprising the steps of: receiving an indication that an object in the page of the document is to be annotated; for each annotation, providing a window to a user having a portion for receiving an annotation of the object, said window having a portion allowing navigation to at least one other annotation window of at least one other object; navigating directly to said at least one other annotation window to the annotation of said at least one other object and closing said window upon receiving user input not associated with said window.

31. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method for a user to annotate objects of a non-modifiable page of a document displayed on a display in a system, comprising the steps of: receiving an indication from a user that an object in the displayed page of the document is to be annotated; for each annotation, providing a window to a user wherein a portion of said window allows the user to enter an annotation to be associated with the object and wherein a portion of said window allows the user to directly navigate to at least one of the previous and next annotation windows, each having an annotation of another object of said document, and closing said window upon receiving user input not associated with said window.

43. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium having a program stored thereon, said program for use with a display for displaying a non-modifiable page of a document having objects, said program comprising the steps of:

receiving an indication that an object in the page of the document is to be annotated; and

for each annotation, providing a window to a user wherein a portion of said window allows the user to enter an annotation to be associated with the object and wherein a portion of said window allows the user to directly navigate to at least one of the previous and next annotation windows, each having an annotation of another object of said document, and

closing said window upon receiving user input not associated with said window.

3. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Chris Glembocki on 7/1/05.

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: In addition to aforementioned reasons of allowance on 5/31/05, the examiner's amendment renders moot any outstanding issues by clarifying into all the independent

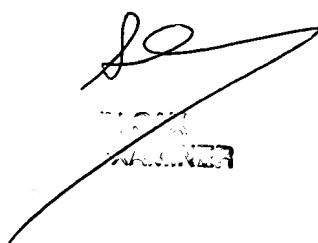
claims that each annotation has its own window, and wherein the annotation windows may be navigated to one another.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Steven P. Sax whose telephone number is (571) 272-4072. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday thru Friday, 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kristine Kincaid can be reached on (571) 272-4063. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. P. SAX". Below the signature is a rectangular stamp with the text "U.S. PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE" and "SEARCHER" over "EXAMINER".